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MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR, DEFENSE NUCLEAR AGENCY
CHAIRMAN, ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Planning for DOD Efforts to Return Eniwetok to TTPI

The United States announced in mid April 1972 that the Eniwetok Atoll would be returned to the control of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (TTPI) by the end of 1973. It is planned that the Department of Defense, with technical support of the Atomic Energy Commission, will conduct the clean up (make safe for human habitation) of these islands. The disposal of radioactive debris and other hazardous materials, prior to the return of the islands to the Eniwetokese, will be required. The Defense Nuclear Agency is requested to initiate planning to identify the scope of work and the resources necessary for DOD to accomplish this task. Necessary coordination with the AEC, the Military Services and other governmental agencies to gather data for this purpose is authorized.

An initial interagency meeting in early August is planned to develop overall policy, assign administrative responsibilities, identify funding responsibilities and outline a general plan and scope of work for the various agencies necessary for the return of the islands. It would be helpful to have your tentative proposal for accomplishing this "clean up" and an estimate of the resources needed prior to the above meeting.

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